

MUNICIPAL COST INDEXES

The Municipal Cost Index rose 0.1 percent for the month to 333.8 as a result of a 0.1 percent increase in the Construction Cost Index and a 0.2 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index. The Producer Price Index remained stable at 309.8.

Commodities showing the largest increases in this month's marketbasket include electric power, floor cover-

ings, glass, passenger cars, sand and gravel, and wiring devices. Among the leading decliners were diesel fuel, fuel oil no. 2, gasoline, ip gas, natural gas and steel mill products.

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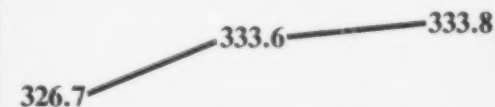
THIS MONTH'S MARKETBASKET

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		Last Month	Last Year
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Apparel	202.6	0.4	2.1
Asphalt Roofing	409.9	-0.5	7.7
Books	130.8	0.5	6.1
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Coal	550.5	0.4	1.5
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Construction Machinery	358.2	0.0	1.3
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Electric Power	446.4	1.2	6.9
Engines, I.C.	345.7	0.3	1.0
Fans, Blowers	357.0	1.6	6.3
Fertilizers, Mixed	260.2	-0.3	0.5
Floor Coverings	192.7	1.8	2.6
Flow Instruments	99.9	-0.5	N/A
Footwear	252.4	1.1	0.4
Foundry Products	363.6	0.1	3.0
Fuel Oil No. 2	679.7	-2.3	-6.8
Furniture, Commercial	300.1	0.1	3.3
Gasoline	531.3	-4.2	-9.6
Generator Sets	348.9	2.0	-0.6
Glass	233.4	7.0	1.5
Glass Containers	363.7	-0.1	3.6
Gypsum Products	328.5	-0.2	2.1
Hardware	301.9	0.6	3.4
Heating Equipment	256.6	0.1	4.5
HVAC Controls	125.7	0.6	4.3
LP Gas	581.8	-4.1	-16.3
Lubricants	372.0	0.5	1.6
Lumber	343.2	-0.1	N/A
Metal Fabrications	312.8	-0.1	2.6
Millwork	312.4	0.0	1.3
Motor Vehicle Parts	354.9	0.2	1.0
Mowers	260.3	0.1	2.5
Natural Gas	1391.4	-1.8	-0.8
Office Machines	153.7	0.5	-0.7
Paint	278.2	0.3	5.0
Paper	307.0	0.0	6.3
Passenger Cars	227.2	1.7	2.3
Plumbing Fixtures	306.4	-0.2	4.4
Plywood	234.0	-0.7	-5.3
Portland Cement	358.3	-0.3	5.2
Pumps	353.2	0.3	2.2
Residual Fuel	1127.8	-0.2	-6.1
Sand, Gravel	300.8	1.3	4.2
Sanitary Papers	372.8	0.2	3.6
Soaps, Detergents	271.1	0.2	1.5
Sporting Goods	206.1	0.0	-0.3
Steel Mill Products	367.4	-1.2	-1.0
Struc. Clay Products	289.0	0.0	1.9
Switchgear	275.6	0.3	2.3
Thrs, Tubes	245.1	0.6	0.9
Transformers	229.9	0.3	2.7
Trucks	331.2	0.0	4.2
Valves	103.6	0.8	3.5
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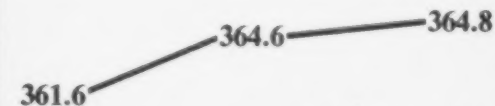
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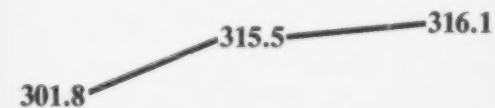
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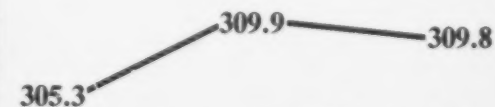
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PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (BLS)

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Percent Change From Last: Month 0.0 Year 1.5

QUARTERLY MUNICIPAL TRENDS

	Current Level	Percent Change From:	
		Last Qtr.	Last Year
Receipts	123.38	0.3	7.7
Federal Grants	92.18	-1.3	6.2
Durable Purchases	14.78	2.1	6.7
Consumables	36.97	1.7	10.1
Services	360.08	2.0	8.6
Structures	48.08	8.6	13.5
Salaries, Wages	263.08	1.3	8.0
Surplus	45.88	-1.6	-3.4
Employment	13,315M	0.3	1.6

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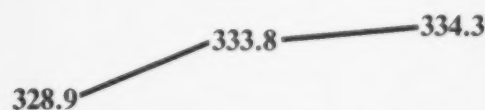
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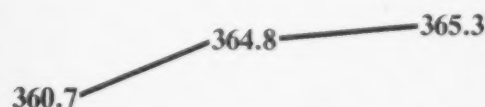
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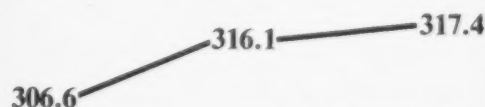
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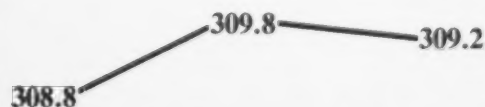
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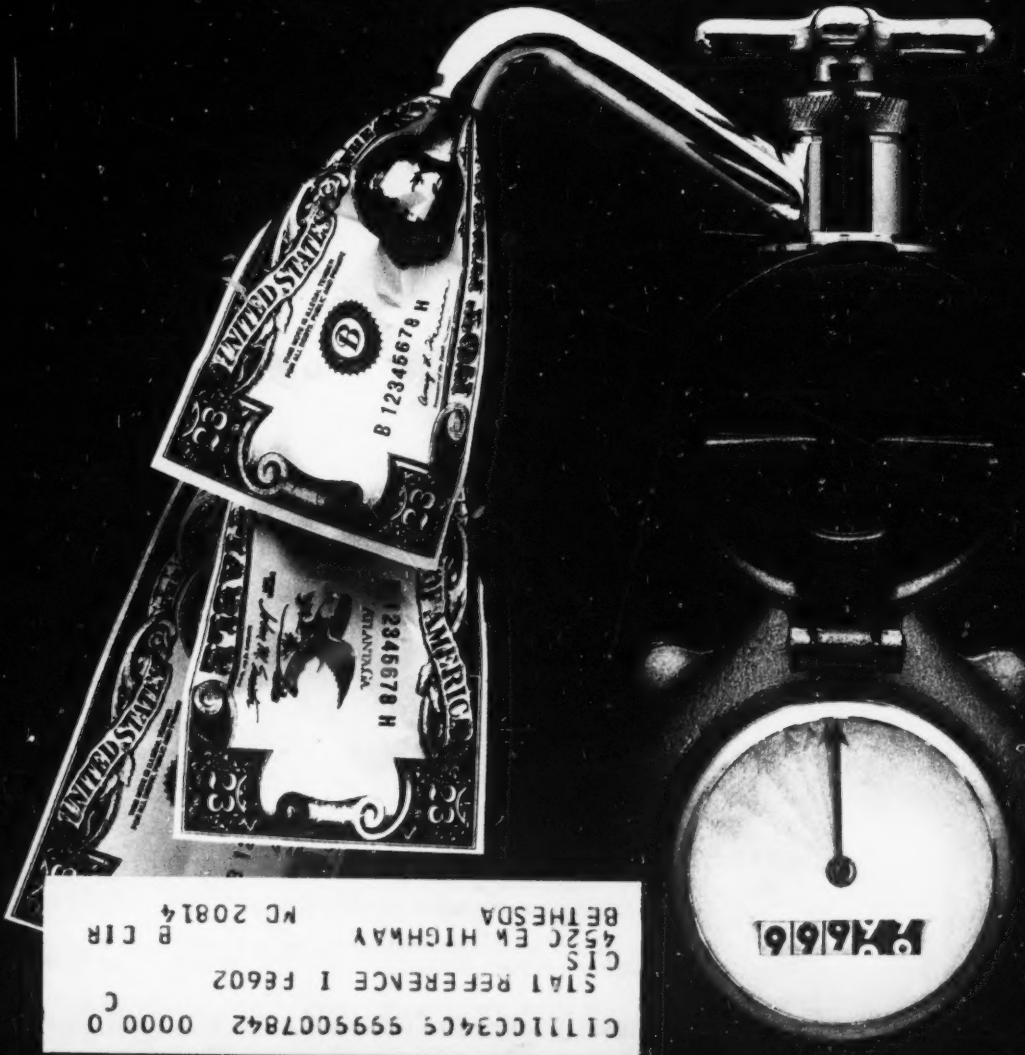
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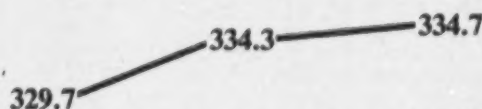
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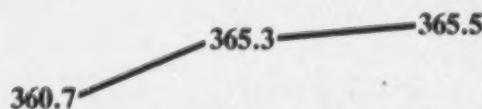
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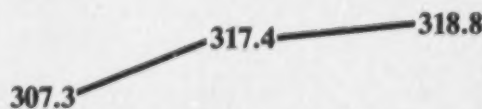
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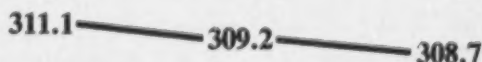
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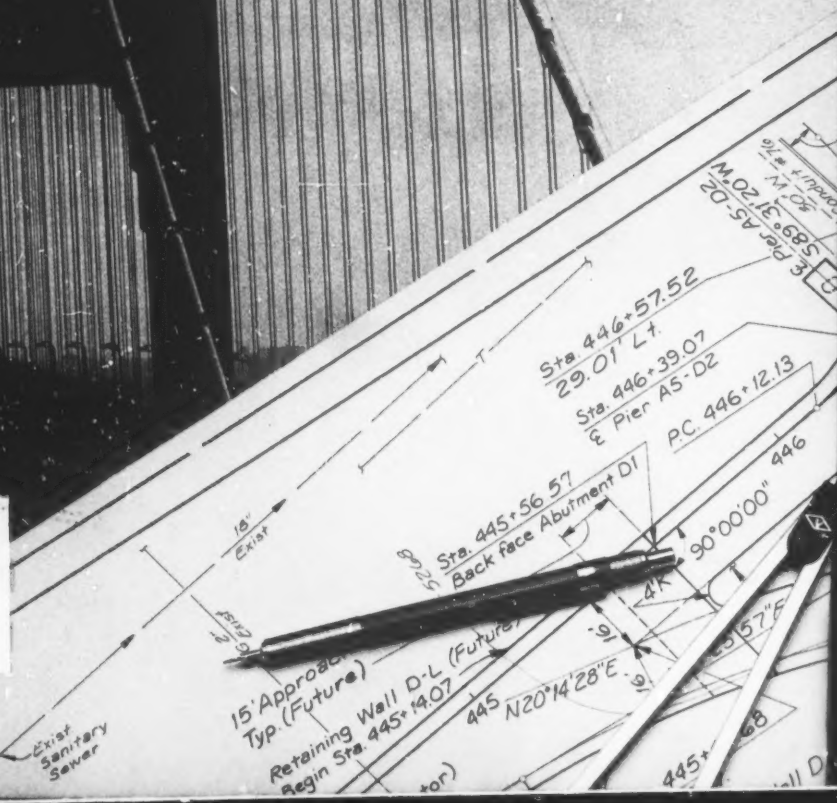
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